



## HIKING

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## ROCKY MOUNTAIN

NATIONAL FOREST – San Juan  
RANGER DISTRICT - Columbine

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### HAFLIN CREEK TRAIL #557

Length: 5.0 miles (8.0 km.)

Use: Medium

Difficulty: More difficult

USGS Map (s): Durango East

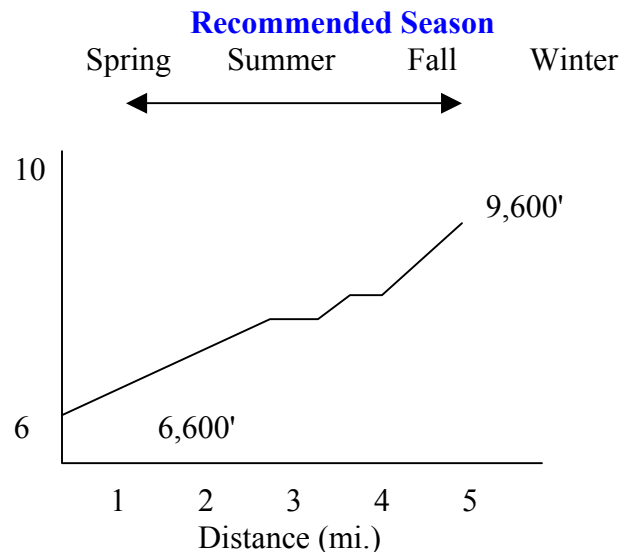
Starting Elevation: 6,600'

East Animas Rd.

Ending Elevation: 9,600'

Junction with Missionary Ridge Trail

Recommended Season: Spring/Summer/Fall



Access #1: About 7 miles north of Durango on East Animas Road (C.R. 250), the trail leads up the eastern side of the valley. Limited parking is available at the trailhead.

Access #2: Missionary Ridge/Haflin Trail junction. There are many access points for the Missionary Ridge Trail

### Attractions &

Considerations: If using Access #1, the trailhead is a short drive from Durango. The trail is usually free of snow by mid- to late May.

The Haflin Creek Trail provides the opportunity to observe a wide variety of tree species, including piñon, aspen, Gambel oak, ponderosa pine, juniper, fir, and spruce, as one passes through the different vegetative zones. The red and white cliffs, which the trail follows, are used by numerous species of birds and nesting areas. The LaPlata Mountains and the Hermosa Valley are viewable along most of the trail, providing endless photographic opportunities. Haflin Creek is intermittent and is not a reliable source of water. Be sure to plan accordingly.

